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AFRICAN COLLAGE 2024 PRETORIA - CAPE TOWN · 12 NIGHTS · 3700KM



LEISURE GUESTS		GOLFERS <i>Courses dependent on availability</i>	
DAY 1: PRETORIA			
18:00	Please check-in a minimum of one hour before departure. Should you wish to visit our museum or do a site tour at Rovos Rail Station, we suggest arriving two hours prior to departure.		
19:30	Depart from Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria . The train travels on the eastern line towards the harsh eMalahleni coal-mining area and Middelburg , known as the “stainless steel capital of Africa”. The Dutch railway building company, NZASM, built the eastern line between Pretoria and Lourenço Marques (Maputo) from 1893 to 1895.		
	Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i> Please ensure the Train Manager or Administration Deputy is in possession of your passport. It will be returned to you before the end of the trip.		
DAY 2: AT LEISURE ON BOARD			
07:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. The rolling hills of eMakhazeni, eNtokozweni and Dullstroom are a welcome sight and are renowned for the genteel yet skilful sport of trout fishing.		
13:00	Lunch is served in the dining cars. The train descends the spectacular Drakensberg Mountain escarpment, first named by the Voortrekkers who thought the unbroken chain of heavily weathered peaks reminded them of the spines on a dragon’s back, hence the name ‘Dragon Mountain’ or <i>Drakensberg</i> in Afrikaans.		
16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars.		
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Malelane . <i>Dress: Formal</i>		
DAY 3: KRUGER PARK		WHITE RIVER/MBOMBELA <i>*LEOPARD CREEK</i>	
05:30	Breakfast is served in the dining cars.		
06:30	Game drive in the Kruger National Park with tea, lunch and an opportunity for curio shopping.		
15:00	Return to the train.		
16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars.		
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Mpaka. <i>Dress: Formal</i>		
05:30	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure. Transfer to White River Country Club (±75 min) OR Mbombela (±60 min) for tee off and lunch. <i>*If available, golf at Leopard Creek may be booked on request for your own account.</i>		
16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars.		
19:30	Dinner is served en route to Mpaka. <i>Dress: Formal</i>		
The famous Kruger Park (2-million hectares) is a world leader in advanced environmental management techniques and home to an impressive number of species, e.g. 336 species of trees, 49 species of fish, 34 species of amphibians, 114 species of reptiles, 507 species of birds and 147 species of mammals including the Big Five.			

DAY 4: ESWATINI		NKONYENI/ROYAL SWAZI	
06:00	Breakfast is served. Border formalities take place.	06:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.
08:00	Transfer (±90 min) to Swazi Candles and Mantenga Cultural Village with lunch.		Transfer (±75 min) to Nkonyeni <u>OR</u> Royal Swazi for tee off and lunch.
14:00	Return to the train (±75 min).	14:00	Return to the train.
16:00	Depart for Golela for border formalities.	16:00	Depart for Golela for border formalities.
16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars.	16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars.
19:30	Dinner is served en route to Hluhluwe. <i>Dress: Formal</i>	19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i>
<p>The tiny Kingdom of eSwatini (Swaziland) covers only 17 000km², most of which is mountainous. For such a small country, it is surprising that it sustains two capital cities: Mbabane is the administrative capital and Lobamba is the royal and legislative capital. In April 2018, Swaziland changed its name to the Kingdom of eSwatini (meaning “place of the Swazi”) and is an absolute monarchy. It is landlocked and borders South Africa and Mozambique. At Swazi Candles, guests are invited to interact with the artisans as they make a variety of candles. Woodcarvings, colourful textiles and superb basketwork are also on display. Mantenga Lodge is nestled in the mountains overlooking ‘Execution Rock’. The village is a living museum of old traditions that represents a classic Swazi lifestyle during the 1800s.</p>			
DAY 5: HLUHLUWE-IMFOLOZI PARK			
05:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars.		
07:00	Transfer (±30 min) to Hluhluwe for a game drive . As the oldest proclaimed reserve in Africa, Hluhluwe encompasses 960km ² of hilly topography in central Zululand and is known for its rich wildlife and conservation efforts. It is the only state-run park in KwaZulu-Natal with all the Big Five game animals and is also a prime birding destination.		
11:00	Return to the train.		
12:30	Lunch is served in the dining cars. Travel south along the Indian Ocean coastline.		
16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars.		
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i>		
DAY 6: DURBAN		DURBAN/BEACHWOOD	
06:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars.	06:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.
09:00	Enjoy a Durban city tour, a visit to the botanical gardens and lunch at Umhlanga’s beachfront . Durban is the third largest city in South Africa and enjoys great importance due to its industry and very large port.		Transfer to Durban Country Club (±15 min) <u>OR</u> Beachwood (±15 min) for tee off and lunch. Durban is the third largest city in South Africa and enjoys great importance due to its industry and very large port.
15:00	The train traverses the Valley of a Thousand Hills .	15:00	The train traverses the Valley of a Thousand Hills .
16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars.	16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars.
19:30	Dinner is served. <i>Dress: “Africa” Theme or Smart Casual</i>	19:30	Dinner is served. <i>Dress: “Africa” Theme or Smart Casual</i>
DAY 7: SPIONKOP		CHAMPAGNE SPORTS RESORT	
06:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars.	06:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.
09:00	Transfer (±30 min) to Spionkop Lodge to hear the historic tale of the Battle of Spionkop and walk in the footsteps of Churchill and Gandhi. Enjoy lunch.		Transfer (±75 min) to Champagne Sports Resort for tee off and lunch.
14:00	Afternoon game drive <u>OR</u> relax at the lodge.	15:30	Return (±75 min) to the train.
16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars.	19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Harrismith. <i>Dress: Formal</i>
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<p>The Drakensberg Mountains were first named by the Voortrekkers who thought the unbroken chain of heavily weathered peaks reminded them of the spines on a dragon’s back, hence the name ‘Dragon Mountain’ or <i>Drakensberg</i> in Afrikaans.</p>			
DAY 8: GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARK & CLARENS			
06:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars.		
08:00	Take a drive through the Golden Gate Highlands National Park . The park’s most notable features are its golden ochre and orange-hued deeply eroded sandstone cliffs and outcrops, especially the Brandwag Rock.		
09:30	Visit the small and picturesque town of Clarens situated in the foothills of the Maluti Mountains . Enjoy an early lunch (own account).		
13:00	Transfer (±60 mins) to the Sandstone Heritage Trust , a large agricultural estate that houses an impressive collection of heritage trains, tractors, busses, cars and military vehicles.		
15:30	Transfer (±60 mins) to the train at Bethlehem and depart for Bloemfontein.		
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i>		
<p>The observation car will be leading the train until Port Elizabeth – a different aspect that our rail enthusiasts enjoy.</p>			
DAY 9: BLOEMFONTEIN			
06:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.		
08:00	Tour of Bloemfontein including the Women’s Memorial and Anglo Boer War Museum.		
10:00	Depart for Coerney. Traverse the Karoo , a vast and beautiful semi-desert stretching across the great South African plateau inland from the Cape coast with scattered towns and villages. Cross the dry southeastern region with its variety of grasses, hardy shrubs, tumbleweeds and succulents and descend the Great Escarpment towards the coast.		
13:00	Lunch is served in the dining cars.		
16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars.		
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i>		

	Bloemfontein is the seat of the South African judicial system. At the end of the 19th century it was also the capital of the old Boer Republic of The Orange Free State. Bloemfontein is capital of the Free State Province and also known as the Rose City. Loch Logan Waterfront is next to the city's newly renovated stadium, which was one of the venues during the 2010 Soccer World Cup. The Women's Memorial at the Anglo Boer War Museum is a reminder of life in the concentration camps and commemorates the 27 000 women and children who died in these camps. The Museum itself is a graphic depiction of the hardship endured by all during the war and relates the history of South Africa from 1652.		
DAY 10: ADDO ELEPHANT PARK		HUMEWOOD	
06:30	Breakfast is served in the dining cars.	06:30	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until departure.
08:00	Game drive in Addo Elephant Park , South Africa's third largest national reserve stretching from the semi-arid Karoo, over the Zuurberg Mountains and down through the Sundays River valley to the coast. The park is home to one of the densest African Elephant populations on earth – roughly 600.	15:45	Return to the train (±15 min) in Port Elizabeth.
12:00	Depart for Port Elizabeth.	16:30	Tea in the lounge car and observation car, which is now at the rear of the train.
13:00	Lunch is served in the dining cars.	19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Willowmore. <i>Dress: Formal</i>
16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars.		
19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars. <i>Dress: Formal</i>		
DAY 11: KNYSNA		PEZULA/SIMOLA	
	Please pack an overnight bag for your stay at Fancourt. Tog bags have been placed in your suites for your convenience.		Please pack an overnight bag for your stay at Fancourt. Tog bags have been placed in your suites for your convenience.
06:00	Breakfast is served until departure.	06:00	Breakfast is served until departure.
08:00	Transfer (±90 min) from Port Elizabeth Station to Oudebosch Farm Stall.	07:30	Transfer (±90 min) from Port Elizabeth Station to Oudebosch Farm Stall.
09:30	Enjoy a refreshment stop at Oudebosch.	09:00	Enjoy a refreshment stop at Oudebosch.
10:00	Transfer (±90 min) to Knysna for a lagoon ferry ride with lunch.	09:30	Transfer (±90 min) from Oudebosch Farm Stall to Pezula OR Simola for tee off and lunch.
16:30	Transfer (±60 min) to Fancourt and check-in.		Check-in at Fancourt Estate after golf.
19:00	Dinner and overnight at Fancourt. <i>Dress: Smart Casual</i>	19:00	Dinner and overnight at Fancourt. <i>Dress: Smart Casual</i>
George and Knysna sit between the majestic Outeniqua Mountains to the north and the Indian Ocean to the south. The Knysna Heads – two sandstone cliffs guarding the mouth of the lagoon connecting the estuary with the sea – is a dramatic viewpoint. At lunchtime, the train travels the Garden Route , a narrow coastal terrace lying between the deep-set coastal cliffs rising sheer out of the sea and the mountains a short distance inland – a topology that facilitates heavy rainfall, hence the name as it is always lush and green.			
DAY 12: OUDTSHOORN		FANCOURT MONTAGU/OUTENIQUA	
	You may call Reception to collect your bag or take it to check-out on departure.		You may call Reception to collect your bag or take it to check-out before tee off.
06:30	Breakfast is served until 09:30. Check out.	06:30	Breakfast is served until tee off at Fancourt .
10:00	Transfer (±60 min) to an ostrich farm for a visit followed by lunch.	13:30	After lunch, transfer (±180 min) to Prince Albert Rd Station to rejoin the train. Enjoy a refreshment stop en route.
13:30	Transfer (±30 min) to the Cango Caves for a visit.	16:30	Tea in the lounge and observation cars.
15:00	Transfer (±150 min) to Prince Albert Rd Station.	19:30	Dinner is served in the dining cars en route to Matjiesfontein. <i>Dress: "1920s" Theme or Smart Casual</i>
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This semi-desert region is situated at the foot of the majestic Swartberg mountain range where many rivers, streams and falls have their origins. The great natural wonder of the Cango Caves has colourful underground chambers with breathtaking limestone formations. Oudtshoorn is regarded as the centre of the Klein Karoo and is famous for feathering the world in the time of the boa and grand hats. The ostrich boom of the early 20th century turned out many millionaires who, in turn, created elaborate lifestyles in this remote part of Africa.			
DAY 13: CAPE TOWN			
	Please ensure luggage is ready for collection 15 minutes before arrival and that you have your passport.		
07:00	Breakfast is served in the dining cars until 10:00. Trundle through the spectacular mountain ranges and scenic winelands of the Western Cape towards the coast.		
13:00	Lunch is served in the dining cars.		
18:00	Arrive at journey's end at Cape Town Station .		

Please dress accordingly for excursions/game drives: mornings can be cool then warm up considerably; afternoons can be warm then cool down considerably. Warm clothing, comfortable shoes, hats and sun protection are advised. Rain capes are available. See Golf Course Information for the dress code at the golf courses.

Excursions may be changed according to schedule achieved. Times are approximate and cannot be guaranteed.

The golfers' itinerary is prebooked so non-golfer additions are not accepted. Please consult with the Golf Pro.

Please check with the Train Manager for any updates or changes to the itinerary.

In your suite you will find the *Journeys* magazine that features articles of interest related to the route.

INCLUDED: Accommodation; all meals; all beverages on board; room service; limited laundry; excursions with a qualified guide (where applicable); entrance fees as per itinerary; government tax; golf activities (green fees, carts, halfway house meals and tea/coffee and bottled water). **EXCLUDED:** All other off-train beverages; international sparkling wine; gratuities; personal expenses; visas; travel insurance; pre- and post-tour transfers, accommodation and flights.

MEALS ON BOARD (unless adjusted) Breakfast 07:00-10:00 • Lunch 13:00 • Tea 16:30 • Dinner 19:30



COURSE INFORMATION

Course selection is dependent on availability

WHITE RIVER

Mbombela • Parklands • 6 036m • Carts available • www.whiterivercountryclub.co.za

Naturally adapted to the valley floor upon which it lies, White River is located at the feet of several private nature reserves. Such is the beauty of the course that holes 7 and 11 have been compared to the likes of Augusta. Opened in 1924, it was designed by Gary Player and Reg Taylor. The long, snaking river that runs through the course is the defining feature and is home to an astounding array of flora and fauna.

Signature hole: 5th - par 3 - 138m: This hole calls for an accurate tee shot over the river onto a gently sloping green.

MBOMBELA GOLF CLUB

Mbombela • Parklands • 5 700m • Carts available • www.nelspruitgolfclub.co.za

Nelspruit lies in the fertile valley of the Crocodile River in the hot and humid Lowveld. It has a very important place on the tourist map due to its close proximity to the Kruger National Park. Founded in November 1928 and moved to its present location in 1939, Nelspruit Golf Club is one of Mpumalanga's top courses. The bushveld course is a Bob Grimsdell design built among rocky outcrops. It was a nine-holer for nearly 30 years before Grimsdell returned to complete a second nine in 1967. It was left largely untouched until 1998 when Peter Matcovich upgraded it. The course is lined with indigenous lowveld trees and bent grass greens and cynoden/kikuyu fairways complement the landscape. Nelspruit Golf Club is famous for hosting the annual Jock of the Bushveld Festival of Golf, considered the biggest amateur tournament of its kind in the world. Started in 1968, it now receives some 800 amateurs from far and wide who play more than 2 000 rounds during a week in May.

LEOPARD CREEK *On Request*

Kruger Park Malelane • Parklands • 6 631m • Carts compulsory • www.leopardcreek.co.za

This ultra-exclusive world-class facility is the brainchild of magnate Johan Rupert and, as can be expected, no expense was spared. Bordered to the north and the west by the picturesque Crocodile River and the Kruger National Park, the course represents African golf at its best with indigenous bushveld bordering the immaculate fairways and greens. Innovative architectural and landscaping techniques ensure the course is naturally protected from animals, while lakes and small streams divert through the development to create scenic vistas and interesting golf strategies. Hazards take a new dimension for much of the water is home to the magnificent creatures for which the river is named...crocodiles.

Signature hole: 13th - par 5 - 505m Here the green is right on the edge of the river but 32m above the water level offering magnificent views into the Kruger Park.

NKONYENI

Eswatini • Bushveld • 5 810m • Carts available • www.nkonyenigroup.co.za

Nkonyeni Golf Estate is situated in 1200 hectares of gorgeous bushveld overlooking the Great Usuthu River and surrounding mountains. Built in 2007, the championship course was designed by Phil Jacobs (previously associated with the Gary Player Group and responsible for a total of 40 golf courses in France, Hong Kong, China, Philippines, Indonesia and South Africa) and further constructed by Robert Richardson. The bushveld course meanders through the private game reserve providing a unique experience at the 18th hole with a shot across the Usuthu River onto an island surrounded by rocks.

ROYAL SWAZI

Eswatini • Parklands • 6 166m • Carts available • www.suninternational.com

This spectacular championship course is one of the most scenic locations found in the world. Opened in 1966, it has been laid out on the slopes of the Lebombo Range that curve gently down into the valley. The first nine holes are comparatively level but the second nine fully exploits the mountainous terrain. Challenging features include lakes, gullies thick with vegetation, out-of-bound areas running close to fairways, swirling breezes, clusters of magnificent trees and indigenous plants and wickedly sited bunkers – one is so steep it requires steps to facilitate access.

DURBAN COUNTRY CLUB

Durban • Semi-links • 6 157m • Carts available • www.dcclub.co.za

Built by George Waterman and fellow professional golfer Laurie Waters, the Durban Country Club was established in 1922 and has a proud history. The difficulties these men faced were immense as all earth-moving had to be done manually, giant sand dunes were flattened and dense bush and trees chopped down and carted away. Renowned for its classic Cape Dutch architecture, lush vegetation, undulating fairways, sand dunes and beautiful setting overlooking the Indian Ocean, the club has been the venue of choice for many an important celebration in its rich history.

Signature Hole: 3rd - par 5 - 468m A tee shot from the highest point on the course into a valley below, completely exposing the drive to the ocean gusts. Trees on the right of the straightaway hole need to be avoided as well as the large fairway bunker on the landing area to the left.

DURBAN BEACHWOOD

Durban • Semi-links • 6 016m • Carts available • www.dcclub.co.za

The seaside layout of Beachwood has deservedly received accolades for its immaculate conditioning. Originally designed by Sid & Jack Brews in 1930, it has always been famed for its narrow fairways and indigenous trees. When Beachwood amalgamated with Durban Country Club in the late 1990s, Gary Player's design team was asked to upgrade and redesign some of the holes while introducing additional hazards. The results are to be savoured as one plays a course with clever bunkering and water features with superb greens. The land follows rolling and undulating contours allowing fairways to follow natural valleys between high grassy banks, requiring precision shots and lay-ups.

Signature Hole: 6th - par 4 - 410m One of the most demanding holes, the 6th is set high in the dunes and doglegs left with a stream, bush and water hazard to be negotiated en route to the green.

CHAMPAGNE SPORTS RESORT

Drakensberg • Mountain • 7 400m • Carts available • www.champagnesportsresort.com

Located in the beautiful Drakensberg area, this course has to be rated as one of the most scenically memorable golf layouts in South Africa. Designed by Hugh Baiocchi and Kevin Curren, it successfully blends the natural attributes of the terrain and the surrounding beauty with the modern demands of a quality course. It undulates up and around the contours of a valley that nestles under the dominant peaks of Champagne and Cathkin Peaks and incorporates several holes with blind tee shots. Professional and novice alike will appreciate the 84 well-appointed bunkers that line the fairways and greens. The quality of the greens is accredited to Trevor Livesey whose passion remains unabated. Though the drama of the mighty mountains dominates the eye, the course also enjoys gentle vistas where the lower hills create a kaleidoscope of colour blessed with trees, rivers and dams to add even more of a challenge.

HUMEWOOD

Port Elizabeth • Links • 6 225m • Walking course • www.humewoodgolf.co.za

Situated on the sand dunes on the shores of Algoa Bay, this true links course is characterised by thick coastal bush, swales, humps and hollows. Although the fairways are wide and undulating in order to compensate for the strong winds, the rough that borders them is unforgiving. The holes are simple yet neat, the gulf greens are fast and firm, the few bunkers are well positioned with tough, steep faces and there are no water hazards.

Signature hole: 13th - par 4 - 408m This hole runs uphill along a severely sloped fairway with a tough semi-blind approach to a tiny green hidden behind a mound with rough to the right, a bunker to the left and thick bush behind it.

PEZULA

Knysna • Links and Parklands • 5 963m • Carts available • www.pezulagolf.com

Pezula is a sweeping spectacle of fairways and greens rolling through the pristine Southern Cape landscape. The award-winning course, designed by David Dale and Ronald Fream of GolfPlan USA, rates amongst the best and the most scenic in the world. Covering 254 hectares on the Knysna clifftops, Pezula has views of both the Knysna Lagoon and the Indian Ocean. It is designed to include a full range of shots in a diverse coastal terrain making it a challenging, rewarding and complete golf experience for players of all levels.

Signature hole: 13th - par 5 - 467m This amazing hole drops 200ft and is measured in 'airtime'. Your level or uneven lie will determine your second shot selection. Don't forget to look back to the tee when you finish the hole.

SIMOLA

Knysna • Parklands • 6 401m • Carts compulsory due to distances • www.simolaestate.co.za

Keeping your head down at Simola can be a challenge as the views around the course are awe-inspiring. Every hole either looks across the Knysna Lagoon or over the Knysna River as it twists and turns through the valley below. It is clear to see why Simola takes its place as one of South Africa's premier golfing destinations. It's also the first Jack Nicklaus signature course on the Garden Route reflecting the maestro's philosophy of attuning the layout and design to the natural lie of the land. Set below high ridges, the course is free from the wind that so often plagues coastal courses. Fairways flow with the natural undulating contours and the unusual configuration of five par 5s and five par 3s add a dimension to the game. Even with all the uphill and downhill holes, Nicklaus has cleverly achieved a course where you seldom have an uneven lie. The short holes are a feature of the layout testing a wide range of clubs from a fairway metal at the 6th to a wedge at the 17th. The par 5s are excellent beginning with the switchback opening hole that must be one of the most challenging. Three of the par 5s are played to elevated greens and these are tough targets to hit even with a short pitch.

FANCOURT COUNTRY CLUB

George • 2 Parkland • Carts available • www.fancourt.co.za

1. MONTAGU • 6 714m • This course is exquisitely conditioned with a glorious parkland layout covering large tracts of varying terrain on rolling land. Mature trees, flowerbeds, shrubs and water hazards provide a colourful contrast.

Signature hole: 17th - par 3 - 190m This is scary for the average golfer with its long carry over water but the green is large and receptive so ignore it and go for the flag. If conservative, favour the left side of the green.

2. OUTENIQUA • 6 312m • Designed by Gary Player and named after the mountain range overlooking the area, this parklands course is more forgiving than Montagu being more open in appearance, yet it has its share of challenges and risk-and-reward moments.

Signature hole: 14th - par 4 - 421m No surprise this is the toughest hole with its intimidating tee shot over water. If the flag is on the left of the green, play conservatively for the middle as there is water lurking at the back left.

DRESS CODE

Acceptable clothing:

- Shirts with collars and sleeves must be tucked in
- Traditional long or short golf trousers
- Short trousers with knee-length stockings or short white socks
- Ladies skirts or culottes must be knee-length
- Golf hats or peaks worn with peak forward
- Golf shoes with soft spikes (most clubs)

Not acceptable:

- T-shirts, vests or sleeveless shirts
- Denim jeans
- Sweatpants or cargo pants
- Drawstring shorts
- Shoes without socks
- Cross-trainer sports shoes